## **SENATE BILL No. 517**

#### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-28-6.

**Synopsis:** General Assembly access to research resources. Requires state educational institutions to make research tools used by state educational institutions available to legislators and staff of the legislative services agency.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

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January 15,2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce, Public Policy & Interstate Cooperation.



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#### First Regular Session 116th General Assembly (2009)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in this style type, and deletions will appear in this style type.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or *this style type* reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

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- SECTION 1. IC 21-28-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
  A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
  1, 2009]:
  - Chapter 6. Information for Members of the General Assembly Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "research tool" includes:
    - (1) online research services;
    - (2) online and hard copy subscriptions to publications; and
    - (3) any other source of information used for research available to an educational institution.
  - Sec. 2. A state educational institution must provide access to all research tools available to the educational institution to each member of the general assembly and staff of the legislative services agency, at no cost, upon the request of the member of the general assembly.
  - Sec. 3. A request made by a member of the general assembly and staff of the legislative services agency under section 2 of this chapter must be for the purpose of obtaining information related



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Sec. 4. Notwithstanding section 2 of this chapter, a state
educational institution may deny a member of the general assembly
or staff of the legislative services agency access to a research tool
if the research tool was purchased through a grant or other source
that limits access to use of the research tool in a way that would
make granting access to the research tool a violation of the grant
or agreement covering the payment for the research tool.

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